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SUBJECT: IRS: 1977 OVERSEAS TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OTAP)

REF: AIRGRAM A-151, JANUARY 11, 1977

1. HONG KONG AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ASKED
THAT TAX ASSISTOR BEVERLY BAHR MEET WITH TAX COMMITTEE
OF CHAMBER IN INFORMAL LUNCHEON TO DISCUSS RECENTLY
ENACTED TAX LEGISLATION.

2. TAX ASSISTOR MARTIN LAST YEAR MET WITH SAME GROUP.
CONSULATE GENERAL URGES THAT BAHR ALSO MEET WITH GROUP.
AS IRS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, 1976 LEGISLATION IS VIEWED IN
SOME QUARTERS AS INIMICAL TO AMERICANS EMPLOYED ABROAD.
LOCAL CHAMBER, IN CONCERT WITH OTHER CHAMBERS IN ASIA-PACIFIC
AREA IS PLANNING PROTEST TO WASHINGTON ON GROUND THAT IT WILL
FORCE MANY AMERICANS RETURN U.S. TO OVERALL DETRIMENT U.S.
BUSINESS INTERESTS OVERSEAS. MATTER HAS RECEIVED
CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY LAST FEW DAYS, WITH
STORIES IN ASIA WALL STREET JOURNAL AS WELL AS
LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS. CONSULATE
GENERAL BELIEVES IT IMPERATIVE THAT BAHR MEET WITH
COMMITTEE TO HEAR THEIR ARGUMENTS AND CONVEY THEM
TO IRS.

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3. AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED, IF POSSIBLE
BEFORE COB, JANUARY 27, INASMUCH AS THE MONTHLY
CONSULATE GENERAL BRIEFING OF CHAMBER MEMBERS WILL
TAKE PLACE BEGINNING 0900 LOCAL, JANUARY 28.
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